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Chapter I
Introduction

1. The Committee on Relations with the Host Country was established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971. The General Assembly, by its resolution 66/108 of 9 December 2011, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country". The present report is submitted pursuant to resolution 66/108.

2. The report consists of four sections. The recommendations and conclusions of the Committee are contained in section IV.

Chapter II

Membership, composition, terms of reference and organization of the work of the Committee

3. The Committee is composed of 19 members, as follows:

Bulgaria	Iraq
Canada	Libya
China	Malaysia
Costa Rica	Mali
Côte d'Ivoire	Russian Federation
Cuba	Senegal
Cyprus	Spain
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Honduras	United States of America
Hungary	

4. The Bureau of the Committee consists of the Chair, the three Vice-Chairs, the Rapporteur and a representative of the host country who attends Bureau meetings ex officio. During the reporting period, the Bureau was composed as follows:

Chair:

Minas Hadjimichael (Cyprus) — Nicholas Emiliou (Cyprus)

Vice-Chair:

Zlatko Dimitrov (Bulgaria) — Boyan Belev (Bulgaria)
Keith Morill (Canada) — Giles Andrew Norman (Canada)
Théodore Dah (Côte d'Ivoire)

Rapporteur:

Marcela Zamora (Costa Rica) — Carol Viviana Arce Echeverría (Costa Rica)

5. At its 256th meeting, in accordance with the established practice of the Committee and as endorsed by the Bureau, the Committee elected by acclamation Nicholas Emiliou (Permanent Representative of Cyprus) as its new Chair. The Committee was also informed of the departure of Marcela Zamora (Costa Rica), who had served as Rapporteur, and welcomed Carol Viviana Arce Echeverría (Costa Rica) to serve as Rapporteur. At its 258th meeting, the Committee was informed of the departure of Zlatko Dimitrov (Bulgaria) and Keith Morill (Canada), both of whom had served as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, the Committee elected by acclamation Boyan Belev (Bulgaria) and Giles Andrew Norman (Canada) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee.

6. The terms of reference of the Committee were determined by the General Assembly in its resolution 2819 (XXVI). In May 1992, the Committee adopted, and in March 1994 slightly modified, a detailed list of topics for its consideration, which is set out in the annex to the present report.

7. During the reporting period, the Committee held the following meetings: the 255th meeting, on 12 January 2012; the 256th meeting, on 30 April 2012; the 257th meeting, on 30 July 2012; the 258th meeting, on 11 October 2012; and the 259th meeting, on 5 November 2012.

Chapter III
Topics dealt with by the Committee

A. Entry visas issued by the host country[1]

8. At the 254th meeting, the observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Committee that the entry visa of a senior Iranian official, Mrs. Tahare Nazari, was revoked at the Vienna International Airport. She had a valid diplomatic visa that had been issued by the United States authorities less than two days earlier so that she could attend the meetings of the Third Committee during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly. He stated that the relevant application forms had been duly communicated to the United States Consulate General in Vienna and, after clearance had been obtained, Mrs. Nazari commenced her travel to New York via Vienna, where she was going to obtain her United States entry visa. Mrs. Nazari was interviewed by the United States Consulate on 27 October 2011 and was granted the visa on Friday, 28 October. However, on Sunday, 30 October, while attempting to check in to her Austrian Airlines flight (OS 087), she was told by the United States authorities at the airport that her visa had been revoked and that she could not travel to United Nations Headquarters in New York. The observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran wished to place on record his Government's position that such treatment of an official with diplomatic status was unjustifiable and contravened the international legal obligations of the United States as the host country of the United Nations, in particular the Headquarters Agreement. The United States Mission had recently informed the Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran that the revocation of the visa was due to an administrative error and that the visa has since been reinstated. While his Mission appreciated the effort, it was too little and came too late for the participation of the Iranian representative at the said meeting. Accordingly, his Government wished to urge the host country authorities to fully investigate this case and ensure that it does not reoccur.

9. The observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran also wished to point out that the process for Iranian diplomats gaining access to United Nations Headquarters was already a very cumbersome matter which required the expenditure of a significant amount of energy, time and resources. Iranian diplomats needed to stay from three to five days in Vienna to get their visa. While he fully appreciated that in the past the United States Mission in New York had been helpful in getting visas for Iranian officials and diplomats, he wished to note that ensuring unimpeded access by representatives of Member States to United Nations Headquarters in New York was not a favour to be granted by the United States, it was the legal responsibility of the United States as the host country.

10. The representative of the host country stated that his Government took its responsibility as host country to the United Nations very seriously and was mindful of the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement. In the case just described by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States had moved expeditiously to address the matter and to ensure that the Iranian representative was provided with a visa to complete her journey to New York in sufficient time. He wished to assure the distinguished representative of the Islamic

[1] The Chair informed the Committee that the discussion that was held on this matter would be reflected in the Committee's report at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Republic of Iran that his Mission would work to try to prevent such situations from happening again. He suggested that to avoid possible delays in future applications, they should be made as early as possible and the Mission of the host country in New York be made aware of such applications at the same time.

B. Question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel

11. At the 256th meeting, the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis, speaking on behalf of the 14 States members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), expressed his concern regarding an incident which occurred on 28 March 2012 when the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was arrested and handcuffed by a member of the New York City Police Department for alleged disorderly conduct after having stepped out of his vehicle and walked through a police barricade into the building where the Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and several other Missions to the United Nations are located. He recalled that diplomatic agents should be inviolable in accordance with article 29 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which provides that they shall not be liable to any form of arrest or detention. He requested the Committee to remain seized of this matter and to inform Member States of any action it takes in this respect. He further requested the host country to take immediate steps to improve the training of New York City Police Department officers in regard to diplomatic privileges and immunities.

12. The observer for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines stated that he aligned himself fully with the statement made by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis on behalf of CARICOM and in particular, the requests directed to the Committee. He wished to inform the Committee of the incident mentioned by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis, which occurred on 28 March 2012 in the lobby of the building that houses his Permanent Mission. As he and many others had done on countless occasions over the past four and one half years, he had alighted from his official vehicle in front of the entrance to his building, passed through the unlinked barricades on the street and crossed the sidewalk, then entered the lobby of his building. He was then accosted by a New York City Police Department officer, who shouted out to him and followed him into the lobby and subsequently placed him under arrest. He stated that he was held in handcuffs by the police officer for approximately 20 minutes until members of the United States Mission arrived and persuaded the police officer to release him. His Government had conveyed its serious concerns about the assault, arrest and detention of its diplomatic agent, and the implications on issues of national sovereignty and dignity, to the appropriate organs of the host country, including the New York City Police Department. At the same time, he wished to state that the response of the United States Government had been commendable; it was sincere and forthright. Within days of the incident, H.E. Ambassador Susan Rice visited his office to express regret on behalf of her Government and the seriousness with which her Government took its responsibilities as the host country. During the recently concluded Summit of the Americas in Colombia, H.E. the President of the United States, Barack Obama, personally expressed similar sentiments to the Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. H.E. Hillary Clinton, the United States Secretary of State, had written to his Government to express her Government's regret for the incident. He understood that the host country authorities would be examining ways to prevent

such incidents from occurring in the future. He also understood that the New York City Police Department would be launching an internal investigation into the incident. He found it regrettable, however, that the New York City Police Department officer who had arrested him was permitted to resume his post outside the building where the Permanent Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was located while the investigation was under way. He fully appreciated the role that the New York City Police Department plays in providing protection to the Missions and their personnel and the complexity of its task with close to 200 countries represented in the United Nations. In that regard, he believed it would be beneficial if the Committee drafted recommendations of a general nature to avoid such incidents. Also, it would be beneficial if the Committee on Relations with the Host Country looked into implementing sensitization and training measures regarding the relevant diplomatic conventions and agreements for officers of the New York City Police Department assigned to work with the diplomatic community. He also expressed his wish that the Committee, the host country, and the city government work towards increased and improved communication and responsiveness in dealing with members of the diplomatic community in New York. He also suggested that instead of local police, federal officers be involved with the diplomatic community.

13. The representative of Cuba expressed his regret concerning the incident experienced by the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which he stated violated the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations as well as the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America. The representative of Cuba expressed his support for the statement made by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis on behalf of CARICOM and in particular, stated that the Committee should take immediate action to resolve the problem.

14. The observer for Nicaragua expressed her concern about the treatment of the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by an officer of the New York City Police Department. She encouraged the Committee to conduct an investigation into the matter and obtain assurances by the City of New York that such an incident would not be repeated. She also supported the proposal by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis that special training be provided to members of the New York City Police Department on the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the diplomatic community in New York.

15. The observer for Belarus also wished to note her delegation's concern about the treatment of the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by an officer of the New York City Police Department. She stated that any violation of the diplomatic status of a United Nations diplomat or his or her family members was unacceptable. It was imperative that the host country and city authorities comply in full with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. She stated that host country authorities should take all necessary steps regarding the actions of the New York City Police Department officer and ensure that a similar situation does not reoccur.

16. The representative of Honduras noted the importance of the role of the Committee, concerning the relationship between the diplomatic community and the local community in New York. He also wished to express his concern about the incident that occurred on 28 March as well as his satisfaction that the host country, including the President, Barack Obama, had expressed regret about the incident. He further stated that the relevant United States authorities should take appropriate

action so as to reassure the diplomatic community in New York that such an incident would not reoccur.

17. The observer for India expressed his concern about the incident which the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had experienced and indicated his support for the statement by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis on behalf of CARICOM on the matter. He noted the importance to Missions of having a peaceful and protected environment in which to effectively carry out their functions. He stated that the incident which occurred on 28 March contradicted the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which provides for the inviolability of diplomats. He hoped that the host country would take steps to ensure that such incidents do not reoccur.

18. The representative of the Russian Federation also expressed her concern for the incident experienced by the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. She stated that increased measures should be taken to protect the privileges and immunities of the large diplomatic community in New York and that her Mission would be closely following developments in this matter.

19. The representative of China expressed her concern regarding the incident experienced by the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and stated that the host country has a duty to comply with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations so that diplomatic missions may properly carry out their work. She hoped that the host country would increase training of security personnel in order to prevent similar incidents in the future.

20. The observer for the Syrian Arab Republic expressed his hope that incidents such as that experienced by the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines would not reoccur and requested that the host country submit clarifications regarding the details of the incident.

21. The observer for the Sudan expressed his support for the statement made by the observer for Saint Kitts and Nevis on behalf of CARICOM. He stated that diplomatic missions in New York have a right to protection and requested that additional measures be taken to increase the security of the Permanent Missions. In that regard, he also wished to raise awareness regarding the recent shooting of the wife of a Sudanese diplomat in New York and stated that all the relevant authorities concerned had been notified but there had not been any feedback to date. He requested that the Committee become seized of the matter. He also expressed his Mission's concern regarding protests held outside the premises of his Permanent Mission and noted the need for increased vigilance by the relevant security services in order to prevent protesters from entering the premises of the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations.

22. The representative of the host country expressed her regret regarding the incident which occurred on 28 March 2012 and stated that the host country takes its role very seriously. She noted that the objective of the host country is to treat all diplomats with dignity and respect and to ensure their safety. She informed the Committee that the Permanent Representative of the host country had met with the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as well as the chairs of CARICOM and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. She stated that the New York City Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps had requested meetings with the Commissioner of the New York City Police

Department following the incident and requested that an internal investigation take place, which is currently ongoing. She noted that the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a United States citizen and does not enjoy full diplomatic privileges and immunities under the relevant international agreements. She expressed her confidence that the New York City Police Department would issue a thorough and balanced report concerning the incident and stated that the host country will keep the Committee apprised of the investigation. She also wished to express her regret concerning the shooting of the spouse of a Sudanese diplomat and stated that the host country had taken the incident very seriously and that an arrest had been made by the New York City Police Department in relation to the case.

23. The New York City Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps stated that New York is honoured to be the host city to the United Nations and is devoted to providing security to diplomats and their properties. She informed the Committee that the city was conducting an internal investigation into the incident that occurred on 28 March and was awaiting the results, noting that the facts of the incident are not in dispute. She expressed the view that since the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was a United States citizen, he does not enjoy full immunity from prosecution under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and did not enjoy immunity from arrest at the time of the incident. She stated that the New York City Police Department is tasked with protecting all the diplomatic missions housed in the same building as the Mission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and police must verify the identity of all diplomats entering the building. She further stated that when the Permanent Representative crossed the police barricade to enter the building, the police officer who requested to see his identification was following correct protocol. She further stated that the 17th precinct police are regularly trained on the diplomatic immunity enjoyed by members of the diplomatic community in New York. She informed the Committee that the city relies on all Member States to comply with local law enforcement to ensure that members of the diplomatic community and the United Nations remain secure, and urged them to continue to cooperate with the city authorities in discharging their difficult task of keeping the city safe. She also welcomed any suggestions on how to improve the city's security methods.

24. The observer for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines stated that he wished to clarify certain facts for the Committee. The New York City Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps had indicated that he did not enjoy any immunity from arrest at the time of the incident. He wished to distinguish between diplomatic and functional immunity and in this regard wished to note that at the time of the incident, he was performing his official functions, which naturally included the act of entering a diplomatic mission during the work day, and thus he did enjoy immunity. He regretted the comments made by the New York City Commissioner and noted that he retains the right to take further legal or civil action and is prepared to lift the immunities he has in order to do so.

25. The representative of Cuba expressed his concern about the violations of diplomatic immunity in New York and requested the city and the host country to take appropriate measures to ensure that this type of event does not reoccur. He stated that the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations is very clear with regard to the protection to be provided to diplomatic representatives of Member States. He also supported the proposal of the CARICOM Chair that the Committee take part in the investigation of the incident of 28 March.

26. The representative of Canada expressed his regret regarding the incident involving the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and his satisfaction with the response of the host country at the federal level. It was not clear to him which international conventions were applicable in this situation, expressing the view that the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations does not per se apply in this situation, but it is the Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America that is relevant. The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations should, in his view, be reference documents in this instance. He stated that it would be important to know which treaty was applicable in this situation in order to be able to decide how to resolve it, particularly in regard to diplomatic or functional immunity.

27. The representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis stated that, in respect of the statement just made by the distinguished representative of Canada, he wished to make clear that his remarks to the Committee were made both in the context of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Headquarters Agreement.

28. The Chair expressed his regret regarding the incident involving the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and extended his sympathy to the Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He noted that the Committee did not have the authority to conduct investigations or take action of the nature that some delegations had requested. The Committee would, however, look forward to the results of the investigation announced by the New York City Commissioner for the United Nations and Consular Corps. In this regard, he agreed that additional training for the police officers involved in working with diplomatic missions would be beneficial. The Chair stated that in his capacity as Chair of the Committee, he was available to assist in resolving any outstanding issues concerning this regrettable incident.

C. Host country activities: activities to assist members of the United Nations community

29. At the 256th meeting, the observer for the Syrian Arab Republic wished to recall the issue of the closure of Permanent Mission bank accounts by JPMorgan Chase Bank in 2011 and the subsequent need to find a replacement bank. The United States Mission had assisted in finding a replacement bank, Washington First Bank, which unfortunately had recently also decided to close the bank accounts it had opened for Permanent Missions. His Mission was therefore again without any banking services. Despite maintaining close communication with the United States Mission, his Mission has had great difficulty finding another bank to open an account. The absence of appropriate banking services has had a negative impact on the daily work of his Mission and on its official functions. In that regard, he wished to express his perception that the difficulty his Mission has had in finding a suitable bank was due to political and not economic reasons. He requested the Chair to pay special attention to this issue and to immediately apprise the Secretary-General of the matter with a view towards finding a solution to the problem and ensuring the proper functioning of diplomatic missions to the United Nations in New York.

30. The representative of the host country stated that she fully understood the frustrations expressed by those delegations experiencing difficulties in finding

suitable banking services. She confirmed that there were nine Missions currently facing this problem. She noted that Washington First Bank had announced in January that it would be closing the accounts it held for 34 Missions. Her Mission had so far assisted 26 Missions in finding replacement banks. She stated that her Mission would continue to assist the nine remaining Missions in their search for new banks. She noted that banks in the United States are private and cannot be directed by the Government to open bank accounts. She further stated that the Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, had spoken with the Secretary of the Treasury, Timothy Geithner, to discuss the issue and to try to find a long-term solution. She informed the Committee that Washington First Bank had made arrangements for the Missions without replacement accounts to retain their accounts through the month of May. She hoped the matter would soon be resolved for the remaining Missions without banking services.

31. The observer for the Syrian Arab Republic thanked the representative of the host country for her explanation and the efforts her Mission had made in trying to resolve the problem. He maintained his view, however, that the banks had treated the Syrian Arab Republic in a discriminatory manner. He was very concerned about the difficulties his Mission will have once its bank account is closed. He again requested the Chair to ensure that the Secretary-General is apprised of the matter with a view towards urgently resolving the situation.

32. The observer for the Sudan thanked the representative of the host country for her clarifications regarding the closure of bank accounts and expressed his support for the statements made by the observer for the Syrian Arab Republic. He noted that the Sudan was in a similar situation and that the issue of bank accounts had been a problem since 2011. His Mission, too, was having great difficulty in performing its functions, including matters such as paying salaries to staff. He requested that the highest United Nations authorities be apprised of the matter through the Committee or by the host country with a view to finding a prompt solution to the problem.

33. The Chair took note of the explanations made by the representative of the United States and expressed his regret that the banking issue remained unresolved. He stated that in his capacity as the Chair of the Committee, he remained available to assist in finding a solution to the problem. The Chair informed the Committee that he would convey to the Secretary-General the concerns expressed in the Committee regarding the banking situation.

Chapter IV
Recommendations and conclusions

34. **At its 259th meeting, on 5 November 2012, the Committee approved the following recommendations and conclusions:**

(a) **The Committee reaffirms the Headquarters Agreement, the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;**

(b) **Considering that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the delegations and Missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to that end and anticipates that all issues raised at its meetings, including those referred to below, will be duly settled in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;**

(c) **The Committee notes that the observance of privileges and immunities is an issue of great importance. The Committee emphasizes the need to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise in this regard for the normal functioning of the delegations and the Missions accredited to the United Nations. The Committee urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities. If violations occur, the Committee urges the host country to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;**

(d) **Considering that the security of the missions accredited to the United Nations and the safety of their personnel are indispensable for their effective functioning, and noting in this regard the concerns reported, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to this end and anticipates that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of the Missions;**

(e) **The Committee notes that permanent missions continue to implement the Diplomatic Parking Programme and shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuously ensuring the proper implementation of the programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;**

(f) **The Committee requests the host country to continue to bring to the attention of New York City officials reports about other problems experienced by permanent missions or their staff in order to improve the conditions for their functioning and to promote compliance with international norms concerning diplomatic privileges and immunities and to continue to consult with the Committee on these important issues;**

(g) **The Committee recalls that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI), the Committee shall consider and advise the host country on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;**

(h) The Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance, in a timely manner, of entry visas to representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement to travel to New York on official United Nations business, including to attend official United Nations meetings, and notes that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States, since this time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings; the Committee also anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance efforts to facilitate participation, including visa issuance, of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate;

(i) Concerning travel regulations issued by the host country with regard to personnel of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, the Committee urges the host country to remove the remaining travel restrictions and, in that regard, notes the positions of the affected Member States as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General, and of the host country;

(j) The Committee stresses the importance of permanent missions, their personnel and Secretariat personnel meeting their financial obligations;

(k) The Committee expresses concern over the difficulties that continue to be experienced by some permanent missions in obtaining suitable banking services, which is having a deleterious effect on the ability of those missions to perform their functions and welcomes the continuing efforts of the host country to facilitate the opening of bank accounts for permanent missions with other financial institutions;

(l) The Committee welcomes the participation of Members of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee in its work. The Committee also welcomes the contribution of the Secretariat in its work and emphasizes its importance. The Committee is convinced that its important work has been strengthened by the cooperation of all concerned;

(m) The Committee wishes to reiterate its appreciation to the representative of the United States Mission in charge of host country affairs, to the Host Country Affairs Section of the United States Mission to the United Nations and the Office of Foreign Missions, as well as to those local entities, in particular the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol, that participate in its meetings and contribute to its efforts to help accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the diplomatic community and to promote mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the people of the City of New York.

Annex

List of topics for consideration by the Committee

1. Question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel.
2. Consideration of and recommendations on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, including:
   (a) Entry visas issued by the host country;
   (b) Acceleration of immigration and Customs procedures;
   (c) Exemption from taxes.
3. Responsibilities of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel, in particular the problem of claims of financial indebtedness and procedures to be followed with a view to resolving the issues relating thereto.
4. Housing for diplomatic personnel and for Secretariat staff.
5. Question of privileges and immunities:
   (a) Comparative study of privileges and immunities;
   (b) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and other relevant instruments.
6. Host country activities: activities to assist members of the United Nations community.
7. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters.
8. Insurance, education and health.
9. Public relations of the United Nations community in the host city and the question of encouraging the mass media to publicize the functions and status of permanent missions to the United Nations.
10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

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